



**Year 2 Curriculum Committee**  
**Friday, May 25, 2007**  
**7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.**

**Minutes**

**Present:**

Frank Aguirre, MD	John Murphy, MD
Mary Aiello, MA, Staff	Gary Rull, MD
Peter Borgia, PhD, Year 2 Director	Sandra Shea, PhD
George Dunaway, PhD	Don Torry, PhD
M. Steve Evans, MD, MS	Brenda Yale, BSN, RN
Janak Koirala, MD	
Fritz Lower, MD	

**Absent:**

Amy Arai, PhD  
Diane Fisk, BSN, RN  
Rhona Kelley, MS  
Debra Klamen, MD, MPHE  
Anna Mies Richie, MD  
Vickram Ramkumar, PhD  
Karen Reynolds, RN, MS  
Andrew Sherrick, MD  
Tracey Smith, APRN, BS, MS  
Holly Steiner, Class of 2009  
Steven Verhulst, PhD

**Guest:**

Nicole Roberts, PhD

**1.0 Approval of minutes**

The minutes from the April 27, 2007 meeting of the Year 2 Curriculum Committee (Y2CC) were approved.

**2.0 Announcements**

Nicole Roberts announced the Problem-Based Learning (PBL) Workshop is June 11-15, 2007. Giulia Bonamino is scheduled to discuss curriculum reform on June 28, 2007 at 5:00 p.m. Becky Hoffman will present on July 10, 2007 at noon. Dorothy Andriole is scheduled to present outcome measures on September 25, 2007 at noon and Lou Pangero will discuss the third year clerkship on October 23, 2007.

Dr. Borgia announced the June 22, 2007 is cancelled.

**3.0 Student Report**

No report

**4.0 ERG Report**

Dr Dunaway reported that three students received a grade of Concerns for Knowledge and one student received a grade of Unsatisfactory for Knowledge. Overall students performed well in the ERG Unit.

**5.0 Summer Remediation**

Dr Borgia announced that all four units will have students in the summer remediation. He directed each unit to prepare and implement a summer remediation program. The final exams must be June 28<sup>th</sup> or 29<sup>th</sup>. Unit coordinators must contact the student(s) who are remediating their unit. Students remediating HII and ERG already have been contacted.

**6.0 Grade Review Process**

Dr. Borgia distributed the grade review document draft from the EPC to the committee. This document contains suggestions for modifying the grade review process. No action will be taken on this document today. SPC has asked to be removed from the grade review process and proposed the new document. Dr. Borgia asked the Y2CC to review the document and be prepared to vote on it at the retreat.

**7.0 Proposal for a make up exam**

Dr. Borgia distributed a student proposal for make up exams. This proposal was developed by a few students and sent to the EPC by Dr. McNeese. Dr. Borgia was asked to take an advisory vote at the Y2CC and to bring the results to the July EPC meeting. This is a non binding vote, meaning it can come back for a vote. The proposal concerns the exam scoring policy and summer remediation. It recommends make-up exams be administered immediately following the unit the failing grade was received. The make-up exam would be 80 % of the new combine grade. See proposal for summary.

Faculty are concerned student(s) would focus more on studying for the make up exam than on what was currently being taught in the unit. The Y2 remediation policies have been very effective over the past 7-8 years. However, the Y2CC must consider the students' proposal. Dr. Roberts asked if there was any educational benefit to the proposal. The committee discussed the proposal and decided that the proposal lacked merit. Generally, a student in academic difficulty will not be helped by studying two weeks during a subsequent unit and missing the current material thus putting them in added danger. Dr. Shea agreed with the remainder of the committee.

The number of students who drafted this proposal was unknown. EPC wants and needs the Y2CC's input. Dr. Borgia asked the Y2CC to take a vote on the document in its current form to make an advisory vote to the EPC. He asked the Y2CC whether or not they support the proposal. Dr. Torry asked if Dr. Borgia was going to discuss the reason for the Y2CC's vote. For one, there is a lack of educational benefit. Dr. Lower noted this proposal is similar to the "recycle exam" used when he was a medical student. Dr. Borgia prefers the current process.

A motion was approved to disapprove the document in its current form. The vote was unanimous. Dr. Borgia reminded the committee this was non-binding.

**8.0 Retreat items**

Dr. Borgia reminded the committee that topics to be considered for the Y2CC retreat include student post holiday distraction by boards, extra resource sessions in the ERG unit, tutor expertise, and bladder.

**9.0 Other Business**

No report.

**10.0 Adjournment**

The Y2CC adjourned at 8:17 a.m.